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Claims:

- 1.(original) An equipment front face for a motor vehicle, the front face comprising a top cross-member extended at its ends firstly by lateral supports and secondly by legs, said front face comprising at least first and second structural parts each having a central portion and two extensions on either side of the central portion, the central portions of the two structural parts belonging to the cross-member, the extensions of the first structural part belonging to the lateral supports while the extensions of the second structural part belong to the legs, and wherein the top cross-member includes a body made of a plastics material interconnecting the structural parts.
- 2.(original) An equipment front face according to claim 1, in which the structural parts are metal parts.
- 3.(original) An equipment front face according to claim 1, in which the cross-member body includes stiffening means suitable for keeping constant the cross-section of the structural parts.
- 4.(original) An equipment front face according to claim 3, in which said stiffening means comprise a grid of transverse ribs extending in the space defined by each structural part.
- 5.(original) An equipment front face according to claim 1, in which the structural parts are engaged on the cross-member body.
- 6.(original) An equipment front face according to claim 1, in which the structural parts are embedded, at least in part, in the cross-member body.
- 7.(original) An equipment front face according to claim 1, in which the structural parts are positioned on either side of the cross-member body at the bottom and top faces

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thereof, each presenting a flat section, whereby the structural parts and the cross-member body together form a sandwich.

8.(original) An equipment front face according to claim 1, in which each of the structural parts presents a C-shaped section.

9.(original) An equipment front face according to claim 8, in which the structural parts are oriented in such a manner that the concave sides of their respective central portions face towards each other.

10.(original) An equipment front face according to claim 8, in which the structural parts are oriented in such a manner that the concave sides of their respective central portions face away from each other.

11.(original) An equipment front face according to claim 10, wherein one of the structural parts is provided with a projecting finger suitable for being received in a facing cavity formed in the other structural part.

12.(original) An equipment front face according to claim 1, in which one of the structural parts is situated towards the front of the cross-member, while the other structural part is situated towards the rear thereof.

13.(original) An equipment front face according to claim 1, in which one of the structural parts presents an overall outline that is closed.

14.(new) An equipment front face for a motor vehicle, the front face comprising a top cross-member extended at its ends firstly by lateral supports and secondly by legs, the front face comprising at least first and second structural parts each having a central portion and two extensions on either side of the central portion, the central portions of the two structural parts belonging to the cross-member, the extensions of the first structural

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part belonging to the lateral supports while the extensions of the second structural part belong to the legs, the top cross-member includes a body made of a plastics material interconnecting the structural parts, the structural parts positioned on either side of the cross-member body at the bottom and top faces thereof, each presenting a flat section, whereby the structural parts and the cross-member body together form a sandwich.

15.(new) An equipment front face according to claim 14, in which each of the structural parts presents a C-shaped section.

16.(new) An equipment front face according to claim 15, in which the structural parts are oriented in such a manner that the concave sides of their respective central portions face towards each other.

17.(new) An equipment front face according to claim 15, in which the structural parts are oriented in such a manner that the concave sides of their respective central portions face away from each other.

18.(new) An equipment front face according to claim 17, wherein one of the structural parts is provided with a projecting finger suitable for being received in a facing cavity formed in the other structural part.

19.(new) An equipment front face for a motor vehicle, the front face comprising a top cross-member extended at its ends firstly by lateral supports and secondly by legs, the front face comprising at least first and second structural parts each having a central portion and two extensions on either side of the central portion, the central portions of the two structural parts belonging to the cross-member, the extensions of the first structural part belonging to the lateral supports while the extensions of the second structural part belong to the legs, one of the structural parts is situated towards the front of the cross-

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member, while the other structural part is situated towards the rear thereof, and the top cross-member includes a body made of a plastics material interconnecting the structural parts,.